



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Norte

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Matthew J. Marcos Manotoc
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 58-20 Series of 2020

AN ORDER IMPLEMENTING MANDATORY SELF- QUARANTINE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS COMING TO ILOCOS NORTE WHO TRAVELED OVERSEAS AS A PROTECTIVE MEASURE IN THE SPREAD OF NOVEL CORONA VIRUS

WHEREAS, the State recognizes epidemics and other public health emergencies as threats to public health and national security, which can undermine the social, economic, and political functions of the State;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of local government units to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates provinces to exercise powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare, health and safety including the provisions of services to control communicable diseases;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11332 entitled, "An Act Providing Policies and Prescribing Procedures on Surveillance and Response Notifiable Diseases, Epidemics and Health and Events of Public Health Concerns" was enacted to ensure the establishment and maintenance and effective disease surveillance and response systems, mechanism for strong collaboration among national and local government health agencies, for proper response to public health emergencies, provide for quarantine, and rapid containment and implementation of measures for disease prevention and control;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring the Philippines under the State of Public Health Emergency by reason of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (CoViD-19), an epidemic of foreign origin;

WHEREAS, the abovementioned proclamation capacitates Local Government Units (LGUs) to immediately act to prevent loss of life, utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of CoViD-19, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and community;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Department of Health raised the country's COVID-19 alert system to Code Red, Sub-level 1 following confirmation of the first case of local transmission;

WHEREAS, the CoViD-19, like other infectious diseases, are being addressed through quarantining, monitoring, inspections, travel ban and other precautionary measures;

WHEREAS, as part of the worldwide preventive measures against CoViD-19 and in order to ensure a healthy and virus-free province, the Provincial Government will take concrete and proactive steps to prevent, contain and restrict the possibility of spreading CoViD-19 from sources foreign to its territorial jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW J. MARCOS MANOTOC, Governor of the Province of Ilocos Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

Section 1. MANDATORY SELF-QUARANTINE. Any returning resident, irrespective of whether he comes via sea, air or land, who recently arrived from a country with a history of CoViD-19 infection shall be subjected to, or has to undergo mandatory self-quarantine in accordance with the rules and protocols established by the Department of Health (DOH).

Section 2. QUARANTINE PERIOD. Those undergoing self-quarantines shall be discouraged to leave their homes for a period of fourteen (14) days. Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) or other responsible health officials are required to monitor compliance hereof by the affected individuals.

Section 3. VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION. Any individual, either with history of exposure to affected individuals or with mild symptoms including cough, fever, cold, and sore throat, shall report to their respective health offices for proper assessment, monitoring and management.

Section 4. SUPPORT TO CONTACT TRACING. Any person who discovers that he has come in contact with a person, who, later on, will be declared to be infected with CoViD-19, are required to report to their respective health officers.

Section 5. DEFERMENT AND OR CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC GATHERINGS. Unless absolutely necessary, public gatherings are hereby ordered deferred and/or cancelled until the risk of transmission shall have been abated.

Section 6. ROLE OF NGAS. National Government Agencies such as the Bureau of Immigration, Bureau of Quarantine and related national agencies are hereby encouraged to furnish the Office of the Governor copies of reports relating to said returning residents and other CoViD-19 related incidents.

Section 7. ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS. Any individual who fails to observe the mandatory self-quarantine shall be dealt with accordingly, without prejudice to the prosecution for an offense, if probable cause exists.

Section 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any or all Executive Orders previously issued inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly;

Section 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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Done this _____ day of _____, 2020.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JL'.